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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Applicant is requested to cancel claims 41-44 because there are no claims 21-24 in the current application. Further, applicant is also requested to renumber all remained claims.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-20, 25-40, 45-112, 132 and 135-166, drawn to a debris removal system and/or method, classified in class 250, subclass 492.1.
- II. Claims 113-116, drawn to a multi-layer reflecting coating forming an EUV reflective surface having an inter-diffusion barrier layer, classified in class 430, subclass 396.
- III. Claims 117-118, drawn to a multi-layer reflecting coating forming an EUV reflective surface having a spectral filter, classified in class 250, subclass 505.1.
- IV. Claim 119-122, drawn to an EUV light source collector having a focusing spectral filter, classified in class 250, subclass 504R.
- IIIV. Claims 123-127, drawn to an EUV light source collector having a debris shield, classified in class 250, subclass 505.1.
- IIIV. Claims 128-131, drawn to a method of reclaiming EUV light source collectors, classified in class 250, subclass 492.1.
- V. Claims 133-134, drawn to a method of continuous removal of debris from a collector reflecting surface including means for heating the reflecting surface, classified in class 250, subclass 492.1.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because:

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The inventions I-V are distinct, each of the inventions I-V recites limitations not recited in any of the remaining inventions. The differing limitations would appear to make the inventions I-V patentably distinct from one another, i.e. a reference that anticipates or makes obvious one of the inventions I-V would not by itself anticipate to make obvious the other invention.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

A telephone call was made to William C. Cray on 05-22-2006 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kiet T. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-

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2479. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8.00 AM to 6.00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John R Lee, can be reached on Monday-Friday. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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